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The platform of the Third Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly, attended by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung [Photo: KCNA]

Grand Third Session of Fifth Supreme People's Assembly Opens in Presence of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

The Third Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea opened with a large attendance at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on March 20 in the presence of the great leader of our Party and people Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the State of the DPRK.

The SPA session was held at a stirring time when the political and ideological unity between our Party and people became iron-strong as never before, when the Juche-type blood was circulating through the bodies of all the people in our society, when the revolutionary struggle for the cause of national reunification and the great socialist construction was sweeping across the country like a tempest and when the whole society was brimful of the people's infinite loyalty to and reverence for the leader and the Party Centre.

Put up on the platform of the meeting hall was a respectful portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who, embodying the immortal Juche idea, founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious fatherland, made it highly authoritative and dignified and led our revolution along the one road of victory and glory.

Seen on the background of the platform were a picture of Mt. Paekdu-san, the sacred mountain symbolic of the glorious revolutionary traditions of our Party and the Government of our Republic as well as a large, unfurled flag of the DPRK.

The SPA deputies attended the session.

Present there as observers were functionaries of the Party organs, government bodies and economic institutions, officers of the People's Army and functionaries of working people's organizations, workers in the fields of science, education, culture, public health, art and the press and labour innovators.

Also on hand were the members of the 15th home-visiting group of Koreans from Japan, who were staying in the socialist fatherland.

Foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang were invited to the session.

At 4 p. m., Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, appeared on the platform.

At this moment, all the attendants rose to their feet and sent up thunderous cheers "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" shaking the hall. And the meeting hall was pervaded throughout with their deep emotion and joy emanating from his presence at the session.

They were overwhelmed with the immense reverence for and intense loyalty to the respected and beloved leader who originated the ever-victorious great Juche idea long ago and brilliantly embodied it in the revolution and construction, and thus led our revolution along the one road of the glorious victory, pulling through difficulties and trials, and established the most excellent socialist system in this land.

Comrades Choi Yong Kun, Kang Ryang Uk, Choe Hyon, O Jin U,

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On Complete Abolition of Taxation System

Report to the Third Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Delivered by Deputy Li Gun Mo, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council (Gist)

On the first day of the Third Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly Deputy Li Gun Mo, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council, delivered the report: "On Complete Abolition of Taxation System", the first item on the agenda of the session.

The reporter began his report by pointing to the fact that upholding the militant programme of grand socialist construction put forth at the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Central Committee of the Party, the entire working people have risen as one in the gigantic struggle for scaling at a bound all the heights of the Six-Year Plan and capturing a new higher eminence of socialism, and thus our country has entered a new phase of struggle for making a great leap in the advance towards socialism and communism.

Then he said:

As discussed and decided upon at the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Central Committee of the Party on the initiative of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, I am referring the question of completely abolishing the taxes in our country as from April 1, 1974 to the Supreme People's Assembly for its examination.

In the first part of the report: "Our country has become the first tax-free country in the world under the wise leadership of the Party and the leader", the reporter pointed out:

To completely abolish taxation and free the working people from the burdens of all taxes is a revolution aimed at liquidating a hangover of the old society.

The problem of taxes stands out as a historical task that the working-class party and state must correctly solve without fail in the course of building socialism and communism.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was the first in history to indicate a most correct way for the solution of the tax problem under socialism and brilliantly realize it on the basis of a comprehensive and deep-going analysis of the character and role of the taxes at different stages of the development of the revolution.

It is stipulated in "Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea", an immortal classic work of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung:

"The State completely abolishes taxation, a hangover of the old society."

Taxation is a product of the anti-popular rule of the exploiter-class state and a hangover which the socialist state inherited from the old society.

As everyone knows, taxation which came into being with the division of the human society into antagonistic classes and the appearance of the state has served as a means of maintaining the ruling machinery of the ruling classes in the class society and fleecing the working people.

In the past, in our country, too, taxation imposed a heavy burden and immeasurable sufferings upon our people as a means of plunder for maintaining the ruling machinery of the ruling classes and foreign aggressors.

Especially, the squeezing of taxes from our people during Japanese imperialist colonial rule was harsh, such as could scarcely be found in the history of taxation.

The sacred task for realizing the earnest desire of our people to be freed from the ever harsher tax extortion as well as from brutal exploitation could be carried out only thanks to the wise leadership of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, he said, and continued:

The leader set forth the reform of the tax system as an important task in the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal, democratic revolution and advanced a revolutionary policy on the abolition of all miscellaneous taxes of the Japanese imperialists in the Ten-Point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland authored by him as far back as the arduous days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

The leader further developed and concretized the Juche-based taxation programme, which he had worked out in person during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, in the 20-Point Platform advanced by him right after liberation and led the struggle of our Party and people for its realization to victory.

In a short span of time after liberation, along with the agrarian reform, the nationalization of industries and other great democratic reforms, a taxation reform was enforced as an important part of them in our country under the wise leadership of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. This resulted in the abolishment of the predatory colonial tax system of the Japanese imperialists and the establishment of a truly popular and democratic tax system with a system of uniform, agricultural tax-in-kind and a progressive income-tax system as its basis.

With the introduction of the agricultural tax-in-kind following the agrarian reform in the countryside, our peasants were freed for good from the high rate of feudal farm-rent and all miscellaneous taxes and they paid only 25 per cent of their harvest for tax-in-kind and freely disposed of the remainder for themselves.

With the introduction of the progressive income-tax system along with the agricultural tax-in-kind system, the workers and other people of all strata were freed from the harsh tax extortion of the period of Japanese imperialist rule and assumed a moderate and fair tax burden proportionate to their income.

Referring to the great concern directed by the leader for systematically lightening the tax burden of the population, he pointed out:

Under the profound solicitude of the fatherly leader our Party and the Government of the Republic lowered many a time the rates of income tax and agricultural tax-in-kind to lessen the tax burden of the inhabitants and even in the difficult period of the rigorous Fatherland Liberation War took a popular step of sharply reducing the taxes of the working people.

In 1955 after the war the Party and the government again reduced the income tax from the factory and office workers by 30 per cent; sharply alleviated the tax burden of the handicraftsmen, entrepreneurs and traders, too; reduced the rate of agricultural tax-in-kind from 25 per cent of the harvest to 20.1 per cent on an average and again reduced it to 8.4 per cent in 1959.

As for the cooperative economy in particular, that grew rapidly in towns and the countryside after the war, the Party and the government lessened its tax burden by a much wider margin than that for the individual economy and completely exempted many cooperative farms from tax-in-kind.

The tax system played a still more secondary role in the country's economic condition with the completion of the socialist transformation of the relations of production and the building of a solid foundation of our socialist industrialization, he pointed out, and said:

The leaping development of the socialist economy, on the one hand, led to the fast growth of accumulation in the socialist state-run enterprises and its holding of an overwhelming proportion in the state revenues and, on the other hand, led to the systematic lessening of the tax burden of the people, with the result that the taxes came to hold a negligible, very low proportion in state finance.

He went on to say:

On the basis of a scientific analysis of the changed objective reality the leader put forward the highly important task to completely abolish taxation in the near future at the historic Fourth Congress of our Party.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"We will be in a position in these very days to abolish taxes completely now that necessary funds for economic and cultural construction can come entirely from state accumulation."

Having set forth the great programme of abolition of taxation, the leader energetically pushed ahead with the preparations for its realization. As conditions were ripe and the possibility was getting greater, he, to begin with, saw to it that the agricultural tax-in-kind levied on the peasants was completely abolished.

The agricultural tax-in-kind introduced in our country right after liberation was completely abolished in the three year period from 1964 to 1966 according to the "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country," the great agricultural programme of our Party put forth by the leader, he declared.

The reporter said:

With the abolition of the agricultural tax-in-kind, there remain only the income tax and a negligible amount of local-autonomy tax paid by working people and the taxes collected from the population are less than 2 per cent of our state revenues. In these conditions, he stated, the historic task to completely abolish taxation in our country stands out as a question which ripens into maturity today.

We are going to adopt at this SPA session a historic law on finally abolishing taxation, a legacy of the old society and declaring our country a tax-free land to the world, he noted, and declared:

The age-old desire of our people to live in a tax-free land, shaking off burden of all taxes is to become a brilliant reality in the era of the Workers' Party led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and our socialist fatherland, the land of Juche led by the leader, is turning into the first tax-free land.

This is a great honour, pride and happiness for our people who attend the respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung holding him in high esteem as the great leader, he said.

In the second part of the report: "The complete abolition of taxation is a shining victory of the great Juche idea" the reporter pointed out:

Under the wise leadership of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his great solicitude and on the basis of the incomparable superiority of the socialist system of our country and the solid foundation of an independent national economy provided by the leader, we are effecting a great change unprecedented in history by completely freeing the working people from the burden of all taxes.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"By abolishing the income tax on factory and office workers and the agricultural tax-in-kind on the peasants, we will finally eliminate the tax system, a legacy of the old society; we will completely free the working people from the burden of all taxes, thus raising their real income still more. This can be translated into reality only by a Party of Communists who regard the promotion of the working people's well-being as the law governing their activities. This is possible only under the socialist system where the working people themselves have become the masters of the country."

Emancipating the working people from exploitation and oppression, and at the same time, ridding them out of all the legacies and fetters of the old society and letting them enjoy genuine freedom and happiness—it is the demand of the great Juche idea—attaching greatest importance to people in all matters and making everything serve them—and it is the historical mission of the communists.

To completely abolish the tax system means, above all, making the life of the working people more independent and creative by ridding them finally of the remnants of the tax system which had been a means of extortion and rule of the ruling classes in the exploiter society. Herein lies the great socio-political significance of the abolition of the tax system.

The complete abolition of the tax system in our country means the realization of the grand conception and great solicitude of the fatherly leader to provide our people with more bountiful and more independent and creative life by freeing them, who were liberated from exploitation and oppression, even from the tax burden for good and all and a proud victory demonstrating the superiority of our socialist system established by the leader, he declared, and continued.

Under the capitalist system the means of production is private property and the taxes are the economic foundation of the state. Therefore, it stands to reason that the extortion of taxes from the people is intensified. But, under the socialist system where the means of production is common property and the socialist state-run economy and co-operative economy are the economic basis of the state, it is the law that taxes are reduced as the economy develops and society moves ahead and they are totally abolished, sooner or later.

The socialist system of our country which reflects the great Juche idea of the leader is the superior social system under which the working masses are the master of all things and everything serves them.

As the leader taught us, one of the important aspects of the superiority of our socialist system is that the state assumes full responsibility for ensuring the material and cultural life of the workers, farmers and all other working people, he stated, and continued:

In our country all the working people are provided with jobs suitable to their ability and attainments, get remuneration according to the quantity and quality of work done and, in addition to this, receive enormous benefits from the state.

As a result, all our working people, whether highly paid or low paid, whether of large family or small family, are fully guaranteed by the state the basic living conditions they deserve in socialist society. All the people live a happy life with complete peace of mind under the care of the state and society, no one particularly well off or particularly badly off.

These state benefits bestowed upon our working people under the paternal care of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are the sprout of the communist distribution ever expanding and developing in our country. This clearly shows the genuinely popular character of the socialist system of our country under which the state protects most steadfastly the interests of the people and assumes full responsibility for their life.

On the basis of these advantages of our socialist system, we are now taking the historic measure of totally abolishing even the taxes, the reporter stated, and went on:

As the leader clearly put it, the tax system is a legacy of the old society; under socialism it serves as a supplementary source of funds for meeting the state and social needs and as a lever of supplementary redistribution for co-ordinating the differences in the living standards of the population, and so it can be used for a certain period.

But, this legacy of the old society must be done away with when there is no need to maintain the tax system at all with the socialist system consolidated and developed.

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A BRILLIANT VICTORY OF GREAT JUCHE IDEA, AN EVENT OF WORLD-HISTORIC IMPORTANCE

Law of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK
ON COMPLETE ABOLITION OF TAXATION SYSTEM

It is the lofty revolutionary duty of the communists and the fundamental principle to be firmly adhered to by the party and the state of the working class in the revolution and construction to free the people from all manner of exploitation and oppression for good and all and provide them with a happy material and cultural life.

Revolutionary struggle and construction work are struggles to enable the people to lead an independent and creative life as the masters of nature and society free from all shackles.

Our Party, taking the great Juche idea as the only guiding principle, led the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution and socialist revolution to victory after liberation and emancipated our people from all sorts of exploitation and oppression once and for all.

Thanks to the correct policy and wise leadership of our Party and the Government of the Republic, the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, are now further deepening and developing in our country to deliver the working people finally from all fetters of nature and society and the historic task to do away with the leftovers and legacies of the old society is being successfully carried out.

Complete abolition of the taxation system is a revolution aimed at ridding the working people of the hangovers of the old society and a great change in translating into reality the age-old desire of the people.

The tax system came into being with the birth of state. In existence for thousands of years along with class societies, it has been used as a means for the upkeep of the ruling apparatus of the ruling classes and the plunder of the toiling people.

In the past the taxation system had been a tool of pillage for bleeding our people white. Especially, the colonial tax system enforced by the Japanese imperialists was the severest and most murderous ever in the history of taxation; it was a target of curse and grudge of our people.

Our people had fought against the harsh extortion through taxation historically for a long period in exploiter societies. In particular, they waged a ceaseless struggle against the predatory tax system under Japanese imperialist colonial rule. But, after all, this struggle of our people failed to triumph, for it was not combined with the political struggle for winning power.

Not until our revolution was guided by the Juche idea did this struggle become part of the revolutionary struggle against imperialism and exploitation system and embark upon the road of the fundamental solution of the tax problem.

In the period of the glorious anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle the Korean Communists struggled, upholding the revolutionary and popular taxation programme laid down in the Ten-Point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, and set a brilliant example of materializing it in the anti-Japanese guerilla bases, liberated areas.

Our Party and the people's power, embodying the Juche-oriented taxation programme which was worked out in the days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and further elaborated in the 20-Point Platform after liberation, abolished the predatory tax system of the Japanese imperialists and established a popular and democratic system of taxation.

The new popular taxation system played a great role in rehabilitating and developing the devastated economy and laying the foundations of an independent national economy, accelerating the transformation of the relations of production on socialist lines in the towns and the countryside and promoting the well-being of the people.

The Government of the Republic has made an effective use of the state tax income as a supplementary source of funds for the country's economic and cultural construction and, at the same time, systematically lightened the population's tax burdens in keeping with the building of the foundations of an independent national economy.

In our country the question of completely abolishing the tax system was placed on the order of the day with the complete transformation of the relations of production on socialist lines and the laying of firm foundations of socialist industrialization.

As the conditions and possibilities were ripe for the abolition of the system of taxation, the Government of the Republic took, to begin with, the step to completely free the peasants from the agricultural tax-in-kind between 1964 and 1966.

The abolition of the agricultural tax-in-kind system was a historic measure for completely relieving our peasants of tax burdens in accordance with "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country". It was an epochal measure for strengthening the worker-peasant alliance and consolidating the economic foundations of the cooperative farms and rapidly increasing the real income of the peasants.

With the abolition of the agricultural tax-in-kind system there remained in our country only the income tax and the local autonomy tax which accounted for a negligible portion of the state budgetary revenues.

Today when the socialist system of our country has been further consolidated and developed and the power of the independent national economy has grown as never before, it has stood out as a fully matured question to abolish all taxes.

The Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea decided after discussion to completely abolish the taxation system, a hangover of the old society, reflecting the matured demands of socio-economic development.

As a result, the dream of the people to live free from taxes has come true at last and our country has become the first in the world to be free from taxes.

Under socialism it is a law to totally abrogate the tax system, a hangover of the old society.

Under the socialist system the socialist state-run economy and cooperative economy are the economic basis of the state and the working people's unity and cooperation are the basis of social relations. The socio-economic relations of the socialist society are the basis for systematically lessening the tax burdens of the population and abolishing them once and for all.

Under socialism the taxation system is used as a supplementary source of funds for meeting the state and social demands only for a certain period and as a supplementary means for co-ordinating the distinction in the living standards of the people.

The abolition of taxes in our country is based on the superiority of our socialist system and is in full accord with the requirement of the law governing its development.

An important superiority of our socialist system fully embodying the great Juche idea lies in the fact that the state ensures the workers, peasants and all other working people material and cultural life entirely on its responsibility.

Under our socialist system all working people receive their shares according to the quantity and quality of work done and are substantially provided by the state with basic living conditions from food, clothing and housing to education of their children, medical treatment, conditions for work and rest thanks to the enormous state benefits.

The state benefits given to the working people are a sprout of the communist distribution further expanding and developing day by day in our country; it is a guarantee for raising the working people's living standards comparably and enabling all people to live in happiness free from all worries and cares.

Under the socialist system of our country where the funds needed for the revolution and construction can be covered with the income from the socialist economy and a huge amount of state funds are disbursed to look after the people's life in a responsible manner, it has become unnecessary to collect taxes from the population as a supplementary means of meeting the financial needs of the state and society.

Under the socialist system of our country where the exploiting classes were liquidated long ago and there is little disparity in the living standards of the working people and all people are equally well-off, there is no need to preserve the tax system any longer as a means of making the income of the population more comparable.

Our socialist working people who are armed with the great Juche idea and have become the masters of the revolution and construction under our socialist system regard the state affairs as their own and voluntarily take part in all state work as masters.

It has become unnecessary to keep the payment of the taxes, the hangover of the old society, as a duty of citizens to the state for our working people who, as the masters of the state and society, are discharging with high revolutionary awareness and voluntary zeal the sacred duty they assumed before the socialist fatherland.

The powerful socialist independent national economy built in our country is a solid material guarantee for total abrogation of the taxation system.

Under the wise leadership of the Party our people have successfully implemented the line of building an independent national economy, holding aloft the revolutionary banner of self-reliance, and thus built a powerful socialist independent national economy in a historically brief span of time.

Today our Juche-based industry has grown into an independent and modern industry developed comprehensively, equipped with the latest technology and possessed of its own solid raw material base. And our agriculture has developed into an advanced socialist agriculture—irrigation and electrification have been realized and farm work is done with the help of machines and chemicals.

Our independent national economy develops uninterruptedly at a high rate standing on its own feet, not affected in the least by the world-wide economic fluctuation and economic crisis and our socialist state finance based on it has become more stable.

Thanks to our powerful independent national economy and solid financial basis we could drastically cut the prices of manufactured goods and are able to adopt the great policy of abolishing all taxes for the well-being of the people, while waging a titanic struggle for grand socialist construction, continuously directing great efforts to the enforcement of social and cultural measures and further consolidating the defences of the country as firm as an iron wall.

Complete abolition of the system of taxation in our country is a brilliant victory of the great Juche idea and a demonstration of the incomparable superiority of our socialist system embodying the requirements of the Juche idea and the power of our socialist independent national economy.

Thanks to the immortal Juche idea and its shining victory our people are leading a more plentiful, independent and creative life in the socialist earthly paradise where there is neither exploitation, nor oppression, nor taxes.

The epochal popular measure of our Party and the Government of the Republic to abolish all taxes will rouse more powerfully our working class and all the working people to the gigantic struggle for great socialist construction to materialize ahead of schedule the grand programme of the Six-Year Plan and scale a higher eminence of socialism and inspire and encourage them to perform feats of heroism.

Complete abolition of the taxation system will instil greater hope and confidence in the south Korean people who are struggling with fortitude for democratic freedom and right to live and for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country in spite of an unprecedentedly harsh fascist tyranny.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea decides in accordance with Article 33 of the Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as follows:

1. The taxation system, a hangover of the old society, shall be completely abolished.

2. The Administration Council of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea shall take measures to enforce this law.

3. This law shall be effective as from April 1, 1974.

KIM IL SUNG
President
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, March 21, 1974

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Pak Sung Chul, Kim Dong Gyu, Kim Jung Rin, Li Gun Mo, Yon Hyong Muk, So Chol, Kim Yong Ju, Hyon Mu Gwang, Ho Dam, Kim Yong Nam, Choe Jae U, Chong Jun Gi, Li Yong Mu, Nam Il, O Tae Bong, O Baek Ryong, and other members of the DPRK Central People's Committee and members of the SPA Standing Committee mounted the platform.

SPA Chairman Hwang Jang Yop and Vice-Chairmen took their seats.

Chairman Hwang Jang Yop made an opening address.

The session adopted the following items on the agenda submitted by the Administration Council of the DPRK:

1. **On Complete Abolition of Taxation System.**
2. **On the Review of the Execution of the State Budget for 1973 and the State Budget for 1974 of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.**
3. **On the Creation of Prerequisites for the Removal of Tension in Korea and Promotion of the Country's Independent and Peaceful Reunification.**

Deputy Li Gun Mo, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council, made at the session a report on the first item on the agenda "On the complete abolition of taxation system."

Many deputies spoke of the first item on the agenda at the second-day sitting on March 21.

After the speeches, the law on completely abolishing the taxation system was adopted with approval of all the deputies present.

The law solemnly declared that the taxation system will be completely abolished as from April 1, 1974 and thus ours will be the first tax-free country in the world.

At the moment, the meeting hall was enveloped in an atmosphere of emotion and excitement. All the attendants, deeply moved, gave a prolonged, enthusiastic applause looking up at the fatherly leader who brought today's happiness and joy to our people.

The session continues.

Workers of the Pyongyang Construction Machine Factory send up cheers with great joy and emotion at the news of the Law on Complete Abolition of Taxation System
Photo by Kim Jong Dok

"A Great Document Brightly Illuminating the Path of the Anti-Imperialist, Anti-US Struggle"

Symposium of Representatives of Revolutionary Fighting Organizations of Tri-continental Peoples in Algiers on "The Great Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Cause of the Asian, African and Latin-American Peoples Is Invincible," Immortal Classic Work of the Great Revolutionary Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG, Held, Letter Addressed to Him Adopted

Pyongyang

To Comrade KIM IL SUNG,

the Respected and Beloved Leader of the Entire Korean People,
General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea,
President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,
Great Anti-Imperialist, Anti-US Revolutionary Combatant,
Great Leader of the World Revolution

Today we representatives of the revolutionary fighting organizations of the tri-continental peoples in Algiers—the People's Liberation Movement of Angola, the National Congress of South Africa, the Group of Brazilians for Study of the Juche Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Anti-Fascist Resistance Organization of Chile, the Self-Determination and Independence Movement of Canary Islands, the African Independence Party of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde Islands, the Pan-African Youth Movement, the Popular Front for Liberation of Oman and Arab Gulfs, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the South West Africa People's Organization—have a symposium on your historic work "The Great Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Cause of the Asian, African and Latin-American Peoples Is Invincible" on the occasion of the solidarity week of the tri-continental peoples.

This immortal work constitutes a shining beacon leading our struggle along the road of victory, being an historic work of genius brightly lighting the road of the revolutionary struggle of the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism and for the liberation and independence of the oppressed peoples.

In the historic work you taught:

"To defeat US imperialism, all countries, big and small, should fight against it. ...Even a small country can defeat a powerful enemy once it establishes Juche, unites the masses of the people and valiantly wages battle, regardless of the sacrifice."

"All countries should form an anti-imperialist united front and take anti-US joint action to crush the common enemy and attain the common goal."

Upholding these teachings with a whole heart, we will fight resolutely, regardless of the sacrifice, to beat down the common enemy and win final victory of the world revolution.

We unanimously resolved to wage a staunch struggle for liberation and freedom, taking as a living example the heroic struggle of the Korean people who, following the lines indicated by you, defeated the Japanese imperialist aggressors and liberated the fatherland and fought and defeated the US imperialist aggressors who boasted of being the "strongest" in the world till 1950, thinking that no one would dare to defeat them.

Respected and beloved, great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung,

We, with unanimous feelings of sincerity of our revolutionaries, express deep thanks to you who advanced the strategy of anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle and are leading the world revolution to victory.

On this significant occasion, we express the firm belief that the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea will be achieved at an early date in accordance with the three principles of national reunification whose keynote is independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity and the five-point programme of national reunification, set forth by you.

We strongly demand that the US imperialist aggressor troops be withdrawn from south Korea without delay so that the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea may be achieved.

We express firm solidarity with the south Korean students and people of all strata in their undaunted struggle against the military fascist "regime" and for the democratization of south Korean society and for preventing the country's split and accomplishing the reunification of the fatherland and firmly believe that their struggle will certainly be crowned with victory.

Esteemed Comrade President,

All peoples who desire to live an independent life and love peace and freedom follow with admiration the great efforts bent by you for socialist construction and reunification of the country.

From this fact, your struggle is ours, as our struggle, we know it well, is also the struggle of the Korean people, linked with all the liberation struggles of the world

We wholeheartedly wish you, respected leader, good health and a long life for the final victory of the world revolution, for the liberation and independence of the oppressed peoples and for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea and the happiness and prosperity of the Korean people.

Down with the imperialists headed by US imperialism, the common enemy and the No. 1 target of our struggle!

Long live the friendship and solidarity among peoples!

Antonio Cubillo,

General Secretary of the Self-Determination and Independence Movement of Canary Islands,
on Behalf of the Representatives of Revolutionary Fighting Organizations of Asia, Africa and Latin America in Algiers Participating in This Gathering

Algiers, January 11, 1974

A symposium of representatives of revolutionary fighting organizations of the tri-continental peoples in Algiers on "The Great Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Cause of the Asian, African and Latin-American Peoples Is Invincible," an immortal classic work of the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, was held in Algiers on January 11 on the occasion of the week of international solidarity with the Asian, African and Latin-American peoples, according to a report from Algiers.

Put in place of honour on the platform was a portrait of the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The symposium unanimously adopted a letter to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung amid the enthusiastic applause of the attendants.

The symposium was attended by representatives of the Group of Brazilians for Study of the Juche Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the People's Liberation Movement of Angola, the National Congress of South Africa, the Self-Determination and Independence Movement of Canary Islands, the Anti-Fascist Resistance Organization of Chile, the African Independence Party of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde Islands, the Pan-African Youth Movement, the Popular Front for Liberation of Oman and Arab Gulfs, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the South West Africa People's Organization in Algiers.

Speaking at the symposium, **Antonio Cubillo,** General Secretary of the Self-Determination and Independence Movement of Canary Islands, said: Today we are holding a symposium on "The Great Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Cause of the Asian, African and Latin-American Peoples Is Invincible," an immortal classic work of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. This is of tremendous significance for the revolutionaries of the three continents in grasping the theoretical and practical problems to further develop the anti-imperialist, anti-US national-liberation struggle.

He continued:

The work of Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is a scientific document and encyclopedic textbook which gives comprehensive answers to the theoretical and practical problems awaiting urgent solution in developing the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle and the world revolutionary movement.

Upholding the revolutionary idea, the great Juche idea, of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean people defeated Japanese imperialism, shattered to smithereens the myth about the "mightiness" of US imperialism and are now successfully building socialism.

The Korean people have demonstrated the great vitality of the immortal Juche idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The Juche idea of the leader is shedding radiant rays on the road of the world revolutionary struggle and the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, on the basis of a scientific analysis of the prevailing external and internal situation and the historic experience of the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle, proved that today US imperialism is precisely No. 1 common enemy of the world oppressed peoples. He taught that the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle for national liberation and independence should be waged everywhere in the world with the spearhead of attack directed to US imperialism and that US imperialism should be dismembered so that it cannot arrogantly invade other nations or interfere in their internal affairs any longer.

In fact, US imperialism is now committing aggression and plunder by instigating the reactionaries in different parts of the world—south Korea, Indochina, the Middle East, Africa and Chile—and intensifying its ideological, cultural and economic infiltration into other nations.

Under such circumstances, for the revolutionaries of the world, for us fighting for the liberation and independence of the countries, US imperialism is No. 1 target of struggle and it is the first and foremost task to check and frustrate its policies of aggression and national split.

This work of genius of the leader expounds the strategical problems and ways for the fulfilment of this task.

The purpose of our study of the work of Comrade Kim Il Sung "The Great Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Cause of the Asian, African and Latin-American Peoples Is Invincible" is to find a correct way in our struggle and have a key to victory in the fight against the US imperialists, the most truculent common enemy at the present time.

We are convinced that we will surely emerge victorious in the revolutionary struggle when we advance along the road indicated by the Marxist-Leninist textbook run through with the original Juche idea of the leader and when we learn from the successes, experience and exploits achieved by the heroic Korean people under his wise leadership in the anti-imperialist, national-liberation revolutionary struggle and the struggle for socialist construction.

A. Al Franzi, Representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, spoke next.

This work of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung clearly analyses the world strategy of the US imperialists at the present time and concretely indicates the fighting strategy and ways of the world revolutionary people for frustrating and smashing it, he said, and stressed:

This work is a great document brightly illuminating the path of the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle.

Addressing the symposium, **Bayard Demaria Byato,** chief of the Group of Brazilians for Study of the Juche Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, said:

Comrade Kim Il Sung, our respected and beloved leader, said in this work:

"Revolutionaries should be prepared for all forms of struggle; and they should effectively advance the revolutionary movement by properly combining various forms and methods of that struggle—political, economic, violent, nonviolent, legal and illegal.

Counterrevolutionary violence is indispensable to the rule of all exploiting classes. Human history as yet knows no instance of a ruling class submissively turning over its supremacy, nor any instance of a reactionary class meekly waiving its power without resorting to counterrevolutionary violence."

We will surely win final victory when we, taking his words as the guiding principle, further consolidate and expand the theatre of our struggle and courageously fight with arms in our hands to beat back the US imperialists and smash the pro-US dictatorial regime of their puppets, not fearing any sacrifices.

The symposium was addressed also by **Soares Dasilva,** Representative of the People's Liberation Movement of Angola; **Khalid Saida,** Representative of the Popular Front for Liberation of Oman and Arab Gulfs; and **Sammuzi Alrela,** Deputy Representative of the South West Africa People's Organization.

The speakers stressed that this work of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a classic document in which the theoretical and practical problems of the world revolutionary movement and the anti-imperialist, national-liberation struggle are consummated in a scientific way and it points to the road of the struggle of the world revolutionaries.

All the attendants of the symposium evinced the firm determination to achieve the sacred cause of struggle for smashing the imperialist colonialists and all reactionaries headed by the US imperialists and attaining independence and liberation, democracy and freedom.

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Great Event Which Brightly Illuminated Path to Fatherland Liberation

Forty-one years have passed since the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung advanced into the homeland for the first time following the start of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the historic Wangjae-san Conference was held.

He marched into the homeland and called the Wangjae-san Conference on March 11, 1933. The situation then prevailing was very difficult and complex.

Flurried by the rapid expansion and development of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the Japanese imperialists made every vicious attempt to stifle the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, the leading force of the Korean revolution, and the guerilla bases in their infancy.

In 1932 they organized even the "Chientao detachment" with part of their troops stationed in Korea and made frantic efforts to conduct "punitive" operations against the guerilla bases or liberated areas.

Especially, the Japanese imperialists further strengthened the "defences of the frontiers" and sanguinarily repressed even the slight anti-Japanese elements of the people, in order to prevent the great revolutionary influence of the anti-Japanese armed struggle from being exerted upon the people in the homeland.

In such a difficult period the sectarian-flunkeys and the opportunists of all hues only insisted upon the establishment of the guerrilla bases or liberated areas. And they distortedly implemented the leader's policy on closely combining the creation of the full guerilla zones with that of semi-guerilla zones. Besides, they despised and rejected the people in the enemy-controlled areas, branding them as two-faced.

The prevailing situation made it highly necessary to firmly build up the full guerilla bases and the semi-guerilla bases, lay a more solid mass foundation of the armed struggle by banding together the anti-Japanese masses of all strata, strengthen guidance to the revolutionary movement at home and thus consistently develop the Korean revolution as a whole.

This problem could successfully be solved only through the leader's preeminent strategic and tactical policy and wise leadership.

The leader who arrived at the Wangching guerilla base winding up the arduous march into south Manchuria made a deep analysis of the situation and took a series of important measures to solidify the guerilla bases forthwith and frustrate the "mopping-up" operation of Japanese imperialism and organized and guided the struggle to carry out the measures. On the other hand, with a unit of the KPRA under his personal command, he advanced into the Onsong area in the homeland.

He marched into the homeland via Solgol of Liangshuichuantzu in the area along the River Tumangang, breaking through the strict defence line of Japanese imperialism. At Wangjae-san he met the responsible persons of the underground revolutionary organizations and political workers in the Onsong area who gathered there. He concretely acquainted himself with the home situation and the actual situation of the underground revolutionary organizations. He explained to them in detail the direction and way of their future activity.

As they were with the great leader and received instructions directly from him, they were all filled with an adamant resolve to remain whole-heartedly loyal to him.

The leader guided the work of the underground revolutionary organizations in the Onsong area and personally convened the historic Wangjae-san Conference. The conference was attended by the political workers and the responsible persons of the underground revolutionary organizations in the homeland.

At the conference the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung analysed and summed up the major successes attained following the start of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the changing revolutionary situation and expounded the strategic and tactical policies for expanding the anti-Japanese armed struggle to the homeland and further developing the Korean revolution as a whole.

At the conference the leader elucidated a new strategic and tactical policy on setting up semi-guerilla bases in the broad area along the River Tuman-gang in order to expand the armed struggle to the homeland.

His policy on creating semi-guerilla bases at home was the most active and positive policy to rapidly expand the anti-Japanese armed struggle to the homeland.

The leader explicated the policy on forcefully pushing ahead with the preparatory work for founding the Party.

And he put forward the concrete tasks to wage diverse forms of anti-Japanese struggle more actively along with the armed struggle.

The policy of the leader was the most correct policy for expanding and developing the anti-Japanese armed struggle into an all-people revolutionary war and accelerating the defeat of Japanese imperialism by the efforts of our people.

In conclusion the leader indicated in detail the urgent tasks set before the political workers and underground revolutionary organization members active in the Onsong area, the tasks to step up reconnaissance activities against the enemy's strategic points and more actively carry on the work of assisting the KPRA and the people in the guerilla bases.

All the strategic and tactical policies advanced by the leader were an allround embodiment of his immortal Juche idea and a militant banner that brightly illuminated the path to victory of the Korean revolution centering on the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

The leader's advance into the homeland and the historic Wangjae-san Conference inspired all our people with the firm conviction that they could realize the cause of fatherland liberation by their own efforts without fail and enabled them to vigorously turn out in the sacred anti-Japanese war, rallied close around the leader.

After the conference, a large number of semi-guerilla bases were set up and different revolutionary organizations formed in the Onsong area and the other northern border areas of our country and around the guerilla bases or liberated areas in accordance with the policies set forth by the leader. Thus, a strong bastion of revolution was built, which made it possible to expand the anti-Japanese armed struggle deep into the homeland, firmly build up the internal revolutionary forces and further develop the Korean revolution as a whole.

Indeed, the great leader's historic march into the homeland and the Wangjae-san Conference were a great event which marked an epochal turn in firmly maintaining the leader's unified leadership of the Korean revolution, shattering the counterrevolutionary offensive of the enemies at home and abroad and swiftly expanding and developing the anti-Japanese armed struggle. It proved a heavy blow, political and military, to the Japanese imperialist aggressors who were on the rampage to expand their aggressive war. It gave powerful support and encouragement to the revolutionary people of the whole world and to the national-liberation struggle in colonies.

On the occasion of the 41st anniversary of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's historic advance into the homeland and the Wangjae-san Conference, our people retrospect with deep emotion the sagacious leadership and the immortal exploits of the leader who has led the Korean revolution along the road of victory and they are full of firm resolve to remain single-heartedly loyal to the leader following the great banner of Juche and fight more staunchly for the completion of the Korean revolution with all devotion.

Ever-victorious is the revolutionary cause of our people who fight on under the revolutionary banner of the Juche idea, upholding the wise leadership of the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

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Under our socialist system today where the funds needed for the revolution and construction can be fully covered with the revenues from the socialist state economy and furthermore, the state assumes responsibility for the people's life with its fund scores of times larger than the taxes paid by them, it is no longer necessary to collect taxes from the population as a supplementary means of meeting the state and social needs of funds.

Under our socialist system where the exploiting classes have been completely liquidated, the socialist relations of production hold an undivided sway, there is no large disparity in the living standards of the working people thanks to the popular policy of the state and its huge supplementary benefits and all the people are equally well off, it is not necessary to keep any longer the tax system as a supplementary lever of redistributing the income of the population.

Under our socialist system, the conditions for keeping the taxes have completely disappeared not only in the socio-economic aspect, but also in the politico-ideological aspect as well.

Our working people who have been educated in the great Juche idea of the leader, have safeguarded their fatherland shedding their blood and enjoy genuine freedom and happiness in the embrace of the socialist fatherland, are taking an active part in the state affairs, with the attitude of a master, regarding them as their own work as the master of the state and society, and are endeavouring for the prosperity and development of the country devoting all their energies and talents.

Our working people discharge their sacred duty to their fatherland displaying extraordinary revolutionary zeal and inexhaustible creativeness which cannot be measured by money and strive for the common interests of the whole society and the entire people.

There is no need at all to keep the burden of a few penny of tax, a legacy of the old society, as the citizens' duty to the state upon the shoulders of our socialist working people who have been educated by the great leader and have grown to be the masters of the revolution and construction under our socialist system.

The complete abolition of taxes is a requirement of the law responding to the development of our socialist system which fully embodies the immortal Juche idea and a popular measure which can be taken only under our social system protecting most steadfastly the interests of the workers, farmers and the entire people.

Abolishing the tax means that the state should bear additional financial expenditure and meet the newly increasing demand for commodities.

Moreover, the fulfilment of the historic task of tax abolition in our country coincides with the epochal measure taken for sharply cutting the prices of manufactured goods by an average of 30 per cent.

The additional financial burden which the state should bear this year alone in context with the abolition of tax and the lowering of prices of goods will amount to 900 million *won* and the figure will go up to 1,300 million *won* next year.

In our country, he stated, along with the construction and further development of the independent national economy, the internal accumulation of the national economy has increased as never before and our socialist state finance become more stable. Then he went on:

An unprecedented economic fluctuation is now sweeping the world and many countries are undergoing the oil and energy crisis and other economic difficulties. But the socialist independent national economy of our country is confidently advancing at a faster tempo on its own feet, not affected in the least by the world-wide economic fluctuation and economic crisis. In many countries prices are soaring and heavier tax burdens are laid on the people. But in our country the people's living standards are steadily rising and commodity prices are drastically cut again and all taxes abolished for the first time in the world. This is a great change.

The Juche-based economic foundation which under the wise guidance of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung our heroic working class and entire working people laid on the debris of war through a hard struggle, tightening their belts and saving penny by penny has today turned into a powerful socialist independent national economy developed in an allround way. It has come into full bloom—the unprecedented prosperity of Chollima Korea and the infinite happiness of our people—and is bringing us a richer fruit.

All this is a great victory of the revolutionary principle of self-reliance and the line of building an independent national economy laid down by the leader and clearly testifies to their invincible vitality, the reporter pointed out, and continued:

The complete abolition of taxation is a great socio-political change in ridding the people out of the legacy and fetters of the old society and realizing their age-old aspirations. At the same time, it is an epoch-making popular policy greatly promoting the material welfare of the people.

In our country the real income of the working people is steadily increasing year after year as their wages are continuously raised and commodity prices systematically cut thanks to the popular policies of the Party and the government.

The abolition of all taxes in the wake of the recent drastic reduction of prices of manufactured goods will greatly increase the real income of the working people and further improve the people's living.

Thanks to the popular policy adopted recently, additional benefits, 28 *won* for each household on a monthly average—6 *won* from the total abolition of tax and 22 *won* from the reduction of prices of manufactured goods—will go to the working people this year alone.

This year, as against 1970, the real income of our working people will increase 1.5 times for factory and office workers and 1.6 times for the farmers.

Then the reporter pointed out:

The abolition of taxes in the northern half of the Republic will inspire greater hope and confidence into the south Korean people who are valiantly fighting for the right to life, democratic freedoms and for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Noting that the Pak Jung Hi fascist puppet clique are squandering a colossal amount of money in the upkeep of the military fascist ruling machinery and preparations for another war, and they impose this heavy burden entirely upon the south Korean people, the reporter said:

In the 12 years till last year after the Pak Jung Hi clique seized the puppet regime at the point of bayonets, the plunder of the people through taxation grew as much as 21 times in south Korea. This year taxes account for 84 per cent of the budgetary revenues of the puppet regime, he added, and continued:

The socialist paradise of the northern half where there is neither exploitation, nor oppression, nor taxes and the south Korean society where unheard-of exploitation and oppression prevail and where there are all kinds of taxes—these are two different realities resulting from the two diametrically opposite roads in the land of Korea, one the road of patriotism, independence and reunification and the other the road of treachery, subjugation and division. These stark realities, he noted, will rouse the south Korean people to decisively oppose the road of treachery seeking subjugation and division and encourage them to turn out more valiantly to the patriotic struggle for independence and reunification.

The reporter then noted:

Discussing the important question of abolishing taxes at the current Supreme People's Assembly session, we firmly believe that the south Korean people who enjoy the active support of the people in the northern half will win great victory in their just struggle and that the day is sure to come when the south Korean people will enjoy genuine freedom and happiness, freed from all sorts of exploitation and oppression and tax burdens like the people of the northern half, in the warm heart of the fatherly leader.

Touching upon our complete abolition of taxation which is of world-historic importance the reporter stated that an end has been put to the era when taxes had been universal in all countries and mankind now sees a country without taxes in reality. He concluded the second part of his report by saying that our country which had been once eclipsed on the world map as a backward colonial and semi-feudal society has become a country without taxes. This will show more clearly the great truth to all the oppressed and humiliated peoples that the road of independence and self-reliance, the road of socialism is the only correct way to free themselves from the yoke of imperialism and colonialism for ever and achieve the complete independence of the nation and its eternal prosperity and that only by vigorously advancing along this road can the backward countries catch up with and outpace the advanced countries in a short span of time.

He then passed on to the third part of the report: "For victory in huge socialist construction and happier life of our people."

He said:

At the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Central Committee of the Party the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the magnificent programme of huge socialist construction, aimed at planting the flags of victory on all heights of the Six-Year Plan by the 30th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea and hitting the ten major targets of economic construction to scale a higher eminence of socialism and called the whole Party and entire people to an all-out charge.

The reporter continued:

In hearty response to the call of the great leader and the appeal of the Party Centre our heroic working class and entire working people must devote all their energies, wisdom and talents to the glorious battle of huge socialist construction and perform heroic feats and thus demonstrate the pride and honour of being the revolutionary soldiers of the leader and creditably translate into practice his far-reaching conception.

A great turn will be brought about in the revolution and construction of our country and in all realms of the life of our people when the whole Party, the whole country and the entire people turn out to the vigorous battle of grand socialist construction to scale all the heights of the Six-Year Plan at a breath and hit the new ten major targets of economic construction.

Then our socialist system will be developed and consolidated as never before and the country will catch up with and outpace the advanced countries in terms of the productive forces. And the face of the towns and villages will alter again beyond recognition, our people will live a rich, cultured and happier life and rise to a high eminence that we can see just beyond the new horizon a classless socialist paradise.

Under the wise guidance of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, we must mobilize all our force to effect a new great upsurge in the socialist construction and fulfil the Six-Year Plan far ahead of schedule both in the socialist economic construction and the betterment of the people's life and, furthermore, raise the productive forces of the country and people's life to a high level to guarantee the complete victory of socialism.

Then the reporter emphasized that in order to successfully carry out these gigantic tasks to open a brighter vista before us, we must continue to wage an energetic struggle in all domains holding aloft the militant banner of the three revolutions.

"Korean Juche-based Soccer Has Won World Fame for Its Uniqueness"

Our April 25 Soccer Team Defeats National Team and Selected Teams of Japan 4-0, 6-0, 4-1 and 1-0

The April 25 Soccer Team of our country visited Japan at the invitation of the Japan Soccer Association and had four games between March 3 and 13.

The first game took place at the Nagai Stadium in Osaka on March 3. In this game our eleven beat a Japanese selected team 4-1.

In the second match held at the Kobe Central Stadium on the 5th, our team defeated another Japanese selected team 6-0.

In the third and last games held at the Tokyo National Stadium on the 10th and 13th, our team also won the games, by defeating the Japanese National Team, bronze medal winner in the 1968 Mexico Olympic Games, 4-0; and a picked team of the Japan Soccer League Tournament 1-0.

Thus, our April 25 team added lustre to the honour of the socialist fatherland daily flourishing and prospering under the wise guidance of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung and demonstrated the might of our Juche-based sports developing amazingly and the revolutionary mettle of our sportsmen.

In the Tokyo National Stadium, Kobe Central Stadium and Osaka Nagai Stadium were seen big letters written in Korean and Japanese: "Long live the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the glorious fatherland!" "Warm welcome to the DPRK April 25 Soccer Team sent by the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" The flags of the DPRK with red and blue stripes and a five-pointed red star were waving in the wind.

The stadiums were filled to capacity as games were held.

Present there were Yuzuru Nozu, Chairman of the Japan Soccer Association; Kyuta Yamaguchi, Chief Director of the Japan-Korea Sports Exchange Promotion Federation and persons in sporting circles and other persons of all strata in Japan.

Chairman Han Dok Su, and Vice-Chairmen Li Jin Gyu, Li Gye Baek, Chong Jae Pil and Hong Bong Su, of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) and other cadres, saw the games together with many compatriots in Japan.

Also seen there were many compatriots under "Mindan" (the South Korean Residents Association in Japan) who came from all over Japan with the feeling of warm kinship and those from south Korea.

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"Korean Soccer Team, Asian 'Champion', Will Become World 'Champion' Before Long"

The April 25 Soccer Team of our country which had visited Japan won sweeping victories in the matches with the national team and picked teams of Japan. This aroused the great interest of press circles and people of all strata in Japan.

Press Circles

"The April 25 Soccer Team showed a remarkable ability in the attacking organization in mid-field. It overpowered the Japanese national team and won the match by scoring two goals each in both the first half and the second half.

"The Japanese boys became exhausted in attack and defence. In the first half their passing moves were blocked by their opponents, almost 100 per cent. The April 25 eleven were unexpectedly strong and Japanese boys were slow like the bull that is too fatty. Everything we saw was quite opposite to what we had expected. The national team of Japan seemed to be treated as a child." (The Asahi Shimbun.)

"The large disparity between the Japanese team and the Pyongyang team is speed. This was observed in ball handling, dribbling and changes of movements in attack and defence. The greatest disparity was revealed in changes of movements both in attack and defence.

"In comparison with the Pyongyang team who moves all at once when getting the ball, the home team lacks teamwork. Our boys were playing the individual game, so to speak.

"The Pyongyang team's technique is splendid. But its skill is different from that of acrobatic, professional teams in South America or Europe.

"Faithful to the original basic styles of football, they played a flawless game, running fast and skilfully controlling the ball." (The Mainichi Shimbun.)

"It seemed they were struck by a sledge hammer.

"In contrast to the April 25 team coming out from the ground with the look of fiery energy on their faces, the national team of Japan coming out from the field in low spirits, limping and exhausted.... The Japanese football circles which had been dreaming of winning the 'Asian championship' as the first goal and then launching into the world theatre were given a big blow from the first step." (The Nihon Keizai Shimbun.)

"The game was held under the complete control on the part of the April 25 team. The goal results are not enough to show the disparity between the two teams in their techniques. The actual skill of the opponent team is greater than the result. Certainly, the Korean team is the strongest in Asia." (The Mainichi Shimbun.)

"The 'lightning of Asia' showed strong power as expected. The April 25 eleven in red uniform were as quick as lightning when they broke through the goal area of the selected teams of Japan in white uniform .... Each boy is proficient with ball dribbling, quick in judging the situation and nimble in playing. All their movements are indeed admirable. They say that the north Korean soccer team has never invited a foreign coach. Guided by the idea of Juche, a unique soccer has been created.

"President Kim Il Sung's remarks —'One for all and all for one'—find expression in teamwork." (The Yomiuri Shimbun.)

Personages of Various Circles in Japan

"The Korean team is very skilful in ball control, fast and has tremendous physical strength. Every boy plays the game with composure and confidence. If this team participates in the world soccer championships, it will achieve good results. It would be a good idea that the Japanese soccer should learn much from Korea, a neighbouring country, instead of seeking interchange with European or South American teams." (Shigemaru Takenogoshi, Representative Director of the Japan Soccer Association.)

"April 25 is the day when President Kim Il Sung founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, they say. Seeing the Korean eleven in red uniform put the spacious ground under their complete control, I felt as if the KPRA men had appeared on the scene. I can say, the same wonderful tactics and indomitable spirit displayed by the revolutionary army men have been demonstrated before us today." (A Japanese office worker.)

"The movements of the Korean team, united as one, rushing to the goal area on the side of the host team like lightning in the true sense of the words, were as beautiful as a moving picture. Even in an alien land the Korean eleven displayed their technique with composure in such a high fighting spirit. This is the manifestation of their ideology and the expression of the spiritual power worthy of the youth grown up in the excellent socialist society." (Shichiro Hozumi, former Dietman belonging to the Japan Socialist Party, and Shoichi Ima, Secretary-General of the Tokyo Headquarters of the same Party.)

"Korea's Juche-based soccer is unique one different from that of Europe or South America. So it has won a world-wide fame. The Korean team is indeed wonderful, and it is a model in Asia." (Tatsuo Miyazaki, Mayor of Kobe.)

"The application of Juche-based unique method different from other countries, new strategy and tactics worked out to suit physical and other conditions of Koreans and training programme thoroughly based on them—these are, I think, the strong points of the Korean team. As the socio-economic development in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is ascribable to the embodiment of the Juche idea of President Kim Il Sung, so the progress of sports including soccer is a brilliant fruition of this guiding ideology." (Kyuta Yamaguchi, Chief Director of the Federation of Japan-Korea Sports Exchange Promotion.)

"In a word, the Juche-based soccer of Korea illuminates the road to be followed by Asian soccer.

"Korean soccer is characterized by high nimbleness, accurate dribbling and wonderful tactics. Precisely this is the present trend of the world soccer." (Ken Nakamura, coach of the national team of Japan.)

"The Korean soccer team, Asian 'champion', will become world 'champion' before long". (Teizo Nakada, leading member of the Soccer Section of the Sports Federations of Senior High Schools in Osaka.)

Our April 25 Soccer Team defeats Japanese national and picked teams

With No Outrageous Suppression Can Homicidal Pak Jung Hi Bandits Break Fighting Spirit of Revolutionaries or Frighten Patriotic People

Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification Issues Statement

The Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification in south Korea made public a statement in Seoul on March 16 in connection with the fact that the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique arrested members of organizations of the Party who had carried on righteous activities for national reunification and are trying to inflict a harsh punishment upon them.

The statement reported by Radio "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification" and carried in Hyokmyong Chonson, the organ of the Central Committee of the Party, said:

The traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique, unequalled dictators, recently arrested members of the North Kyongsang Provincial Committee of our Party and organizations under it who had courageously conducted righteous revolutionary activities for national reunification and are trying to inflict a hair-raising mediaeval punishment upon them.

This brutal atrocity of the homicidal Pak Jung Hi bandits, human butchers and traitors for all ages, is a despicable rampage revealing once again the true colour of this gang of military rogues. It is one more unpardonable challenge to our revolutionaries and patriotic people who aspire after democracy, people's rights and territorial reunification and a vicious, criminal violation of social justice and human conscience.

The Revolutionary Party for Reunification brands the outrageous white terrorist act of the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits against the members of the North Kyongsang Provincial Committee of our Party and organizations under it as a desperate attempt of the reactionaries rushing toward destruction against the trend of history and sternly condemns and denounces it in the name of the south Korean revolutionaries and the entire people who can not repress surging indignation.

As for the revolutionaries who are illegally detained by the Pak Jung Hi fascist thugs, they are staunch revolutionary fighters and ardent patriots who devoted their all to the struggle for the sacred cause of anti-imperialist, anti-fascist national salvation for the sake of millions of exploited and oppressed toiling people, not for their own sake, and for realizing the desire of the whole nation, not their personal desire or that of their grouping, the statement declared, and went on:

Taking the immortal Juche idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, as the immovable guiding principle and under its banner, they conducted energetic activities to carry the south Korean revolution to completion.

All the proud struggles waged by these members of the North Kyongsang Provincial Committee of our Party and organizations under it in defiance of death are a just struggle filled with love for the country and the nation, which reflected the unanimous desire of our people to establish national sovereignty against the outside forces, win democracy and civil rights against the fascist dictatorship and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country against national split. As a righteous struggle to remove the contradictions in the structure of south Korean society and attain its law-governed development conforming to the trend of the times, it is worthy of high appreciation and praise by history.

The statement referred to the fact that today south Korea has been converted into a dual dependency, unprecedented in history, of the US and Japanese aggressors and reduced to a suffocating crucible of fascism, the overwhelming majority of the masses of the people are groaning on the verge of death from hunger and poverty due to the traitors and our homogeneous nation is in danger of permanent division owing to the machinations of the US and Japanese aggressors and their dirty stooges, Pak Jung Hi and his ilk, to freeze the division of the territory.

The statement stressed:

At this grave historic moment, how can those who are concerned for the destiny of the fatherland and the future of the nation overlook this deplorable reality and remain indifferent to it?

This is why the members of the North Kyongsang Provincial Committee of our Party and organizations under it now put to barbarous torture in the secret underground cellar of the "Central Intelligence Agency" fought for over 10 long years, ready to dedicate their lives to the righteous and sacred struggle against the outside forces and fascism and for democracy and the right to existence and independent national reunification, their hearts burning with an ardent desire to save the nation.

The patriotic struggle waged by them is, indeed, a lofty bounden national duty of everyone of our compatriots living in this land.

But the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits are brutally suppressing and persecuting these revolutionaries and patriots on absurd charges of being "spies". This only shows more glaringly that they are most heinous traitors to the nation, fascist hangmen for all ages going against the demand of the nation's history and social development and matchless human rubbish challenging human conscience.

In order to impose the harshest punishment upon some of these members of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification, the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits, the traitors for all ages, have gone so far as to charge them with visiting the north, the statement said, and continued:

Even if they visit the north, why should they be blamed for it and what is wrong in their going to see their fellow countrymen?

To meet fellow countrymen to accelerate the cause of our territorial reunification is a legitimate right of our homogeneous nation, which nobody is allowed to obstruct. We can and must unite strength with the brothers and sisters in the north in winning patriotic and sacred cause for the fatherland and the nation.

The statement went on:

The Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits rigged up this time a so-called "spy ring case" with a brigandish assertion and are bestially suppressing our revolutionary comrades-in-arms. This is nothing but the habitual, last resort they employ each time they face a serious crisis.

This is the most wicked provocative act designed to ward off the great revolutionary advance of patriotic and democratic forces that are opposed to "revitalization" and to maintain their crumbling fascist dictatorship and to break off the north-south dialogue by further aggravating the tension between the north and the south and carry their "two Koreas" plot to success at all costs by freezing the national split.

With no outrageous suppression or crafty swindle and fraud, however, can the homicidal Pak Jung Hi bandits break the indomitable fighting spirit of our revolutionaries or frighten the patriotic people or save their fate already sealed.

Though the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique can arrest some revolutionaries and patriots and commit barbarous repression today, they will never be able to bar the grand advance of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification which is holding aloft the revolutionary banner of the ever-victorious Juche idea and the powerful march of our people who aspire after freedom, democracy and national reunification.

The Revolutionary Party for Reunification strongly holds that the Pak Jung Hi clique release immediately and unconditionally the members of our Party and patriots whom they illegally detained and are suppressing and persecuting.

If the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique persist in their bestial suppression of our revolutionaries and patriotic people in defiance of the strong demand of our Party and the entire compatriots and the unanimous denunciation of unbiased public opinion at home and abroad, we will rise with redoubled courage and concentrate the fire of final destruction on the hearts of the sworn enemy.

We will fight on staunchly to clear this land of the US and Japanese aggressor forces, the inveterate enemies of our nation, overthrow the fascist "revitalized" dictatorial system of the traitorous Pak Jung Hj bandits and establish a new democratic political system on its grave, to achieve the democratization of south Korean society including the legalization of our Party.

Our Party will undauntedly wage a resolute struggle to realize the great cause of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, the cherished desire of the nation, decisively smashing the "two Koreas" plot of the splitters within and without.

Rough as the road of the south Korean revolution may be, no one can hold in check the advance of our Party and people forging ahead under the invincible banner of Kim Il Sung-ism, the ever-victorious revolutionary banner.

The cause of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification, the commanding and guiding force of the south Korean revolution, is invincible.

Spy Ship Incident in West Sea—a Plot of Pak Jung Hi Puppet Clique to Ride Out Hopeless Crisis

The Propaganda Department of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification recently released an open letter disclosing the circumstances and truth of the hostile provocations the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique committed by infiltrating spy ships deep into the western coastal waters of the northern half of the Republic, according to Radio "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification" in south Korea.

"Political Gambling" of the Puppets at Instigation of Their Master

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, a pack of gangsters, found themselves in a hopeless crisis because the struggle of all walks of life against fascism and for democratization that had flared up in October last year spread all over south Korea like prairie fire and because the antagonism and sectarian strife were much in evidence within the puppet clique themselves, coupled with the unheard-of economic chaos and bankruptcy, the open letter noted, and went on: They "calculated that it was necessary for getting themselves out of the crisis to key up tension and provoke an incident that would help them invent a plausible pretext for opposing the north and repressing the masses."

So "calculating", they steeped themselves into the provocations since last fall: they infiltrated into the coastal waters of the northern half of the Republic "passenger boats" with "secret special agents" and "officials" in disguise of "passengers" on board, escorted by puppet naval vessels, and "ordered" all the units of the puppet army on "stand-by alert" in an attempt to deliberately increase tension in the West Sea, the open letter said, and continued: But due to the persevering measures taken by the northern half of the Republic, the "calculation" of the puppets ended in smoke and this irritated the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique all the more.

The open letter referred to the fact that it is the US imperialists, their master, who instigated the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique seized with irritation and uneasiness to cause a shocking incident and hatch an adventurous military plot to frighten the people. It exposed the secret talk the US Assistant Secretary of State Ingersoll had with traitor Pak Jung Hi in south Korea late in January.

The open letter went on:

"Briefed by Pak Jung Hi on the situation at the tete-a-tete, Ingersoll ranted that 'politics is to be accompanied by gambling' and added that an incident which might stir up public opinion at home and abroad was desirable for riding out the present crisis, it is said. He reasoned that the present-day crisis of south Korea was so serious in scope and depth that it could hardly stand with the crisis just before April 19 Uprising and that the misfortunes of the military regime might lead the US to score a total failure in its policy toward south Korea. The best remedy to check the upcoming crisis is to actively create another crisis before its arrival. Ingersoll further stressed that the people's grievances against the 'Blue House' (so-called presidential residence in south Korea—Ed.) must be swayed to the ceasefire line and their call for democracy must be turned into hatred for communism. He made it clear that the US government would firmly back Pak Jung Hi in case he gives rise to a shocking incident."

Plot-breeding Operation Conducted under Command of the Boss of Special Agents

The puppets mapped out a detailed plan for the plot, instigated and encouraged by their master. The open letter said: A long huddle took place at the "Blue House" on a Sunday late in January. Traitor Pak Jung Hi called there his right-hand man who had newly been installed as Director of the "Central Intelligence Agency" in December last year and other underlings concerned and "sought ways to put into practice what had been discussed at the ROK-US talks."

The open letter continued:

It was decided after a long argument pro and con at the tete-a-tete to provoke a specious incident against the north, with the West Sea where they have already aggravated the tension as its theatre, in mid-February or late in February, prior to the start of the new school term and entrust the "CIA" to work out a detailed plan for pushing ahead with this plot-breeding operation.

The tete-a-tete also decided firstly, to create an impression to make it appear that they are sincere towards the north-south dialogue.... to divert the attention of the people at home and abroad, secondly, to place under preventive detention the leading collegians, religionists and men of the press for forestalling the flare-up of an anti-"government" struggle before the provocation of the incident and further intensify the suppression of and control over home and foreign press organs, thirdly to make a new false promise in order to deceive the masses and advertise a purge of corrupt government employees.

The plan for the spy ship incident in the West Sea was worked out in accordance with the decision made at this huddle. It was elaborated by Sin Jik Su, "CIA" Director, on instructions of Pak Jung Hi. Hence, the plan was called "P-S operation" (P for Pak Jung Hi and S for Sin Jik Su).

The open letter dwelt on the fact that the puppets had expected three situations that might follow their infiltration of spy ships disguised as fishing boats into the coastal waters of the northern half of the Republic under the plan for "P-S operation". The Pak Jung Hi clique, a band of military agents, "planned different kinds of 'anti-communist' campaigns to meet each situation: (a) in case the north sinks the ships; (b) in case the north seizes the ships and (c) in case the north sends back the ships".

This conspiratorial "anti-communist" plan was "finally approved by Pak Jung Hi at a meeting of high-ranking officials" held early in February, the open letter noted, and continued: At this meeting traitor Pak Jung Hi prattled that "this intelligence operation plan was one for killing three birds with a stone, that is, for spying out the military secrets of the north and sounding out its reaction, inventing a pretext for 'anti-communist' campaign and quelling the anti-'government' movement". Pak Jung Hi, chieftain of traitors and boss of special agents, stressed that "what is most desirable is to create a situation suggested in (a)", and gave an "instruction to propel the intelligence operation in that direction without fail even if it may claim lives of scores of fishermen or agents".

The open letter went on:

"Thus, the 'P-S operation' dropped the curtain after creating two situations closely akin to what were expected in (a) and (b) in accordance with the script written by Pak Jung Hi puppet clique. It is natural that upon hearing the news, Pak Jung Hi who had been kept informed of the development of the operation and had given instructions raised a shout of joy.

Moreover, as soon as the incident occurred, the frantic 'anti-communist' row against the north started all at once and the US government took prompt action in concert with it. It can be said that all this was the expected consequences of the development."

"Funeral March to Carry the 'Revitalized' Dictatorship to Grave"

Those who mapped out the plan for "P-S operation" and carried it into practice committed once again a foolish act of making their position even more difficult, the open letter pointed out, and emphasized: It is because no one is fooled by their lie that the ships are "fishing boats".

The open letter cited a series of instances which show that the people of different strata and public opinion in south Korea scoffed at the tricky "anti-communist" propaganda of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and quoted a south Korean inhabitant as saying: "Who can tell if the recent incident will enrage the masses and culminate in a funeral march to carry the 'revitalized' dictatorship to grave?"

The letter said that "the frantic suppression and clumsy fraud are the last kick of the traitors whose days are already numbered".

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